NYC’s Strike Anywhere Performance Ensemble to teach a master-class on

**Inter-disciplinary Performance**
A workshop for dancers, actors and musicians

Monday 11/12/12 7-10 p.m.
Tustin Dance Studio
BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY—Lewisburg, PA.

ABOUT THE MASTER CLASS: The N.Y.C.-based Strike Anywhere is a permanent ensemble comprised of jazz musicians, modern dancers and actors. The ensemble has been developing a common language and methodology for inter-disciplinary improvisation since 1997. The company regularly employs games and exercises to heighten awareness, sharpen improvisatory skills and devise original work. Strike Anywhere promotes empathy, freethinking and greater social awareness through provocative theatre and educational outreach. Its work is guided by the words of Bertolt Brecht, "Art is not a mirror held up to reality but a hammer with which to shape it." In this workshop, Strike Anywhere will share an array of exercises which foster clear communication and trust across artistic disciplines. Participants will craft short performance pieces based on interview material gathered for Strike Anywhere’s current show SAME RIVER—an interview-based show about fracking and its effects on communities. Musicians should bring their instrument and everyone should wear comfortable clothing to move in.

PLEASE NOTE: Strike Anywhere will be casting for its February production of SAME RIVER from the master class. The show is a professional touring production that incorporates new interview material from each local community that it visits. For the Bucknell production, a small student ensemble will be assembled to join SA’s professional cast. Students may take the master class who do not wish to participate in the production. Those who wish to be considered for the production will be asked to meet one-on-one for an interview on Tuesday 11/13/12 and to meet with the full student team on Wednesday night 11/14/12.

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION OF SAME RIVER: Melding live music, modern dance, physical theater, video and visual art, the NYC-based collective Strike Anywhere teams up with Bucknell’s Department of Theatre and Dance, and Environmental Center to present SAME RIVER. Using first person accounts as source material, SAME RIVER is a multi-media improvisation on Pennsylvania’s rush to extract natural gas through the process known as “fracking”. Over the course of the fall semester, Bucknell science students will conduct dozens of interviews with Pennsylvania residents whose lives have been directly impacted by fracking. Strike Anywhere will weave the collected stories into the existing show when the professional ensemble and student group unite for an intensive residency in January to revise and perform SAME RIVER together. SAME RIVER will be performed February 2 & 3 in the Harvey Powers Theater at Bucknell.

For more information: www.strikeanywhere.info

“Strike Anywhere Performance Ensemble merges music, theater, improvisation, and structured composition into a total multi-media experience, ‘a happening’ in which art leaps off the wall and into the seat next to us.”

-Asbury Park Press